What is the state of play

Federal Funding for Education & ESEA Reauthorization April 8, 2011 – 2 PM EASTERN

Funding

- FY 2011 & the shutdown
- FY 2012 a new budget
- Debt ceiling

Budget Political Landscape

- House 87 new Republicans
- ◆ Senate 23 Democrats up in 2012
- Who gets blamed for what

Majority Leader Reid & Speaker Boehner

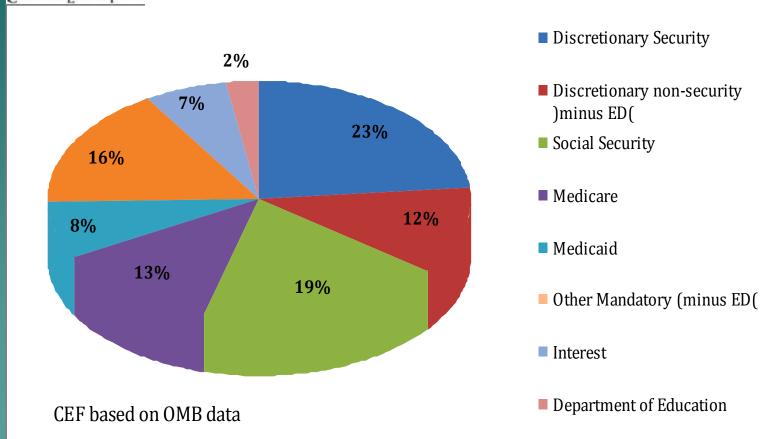


FY 11

- Current continuing resolution expires midnight Tonight
- Short-term CR one week includes cuts to education & recession of FY 10 funding for striving readers
- Fight over funding levels and 65 "riders"
- What a partial shutdown means.



Fiscal Year 2011 Total Outlays



FY 12

- President released his budget for FY 12 on February 14th.
- House Budget Chairman Ryan released his budget this week and will have a vote on Wednesday April 13th.
- Congressional budget works in functional areas
 education is function
 500
- Cuts areas by 18.7%



Debt Ceiling

- Amount we borrow
 - from other countries
 - US savings bonds
- Congress needs to give authorization for more borrowing
- Tea Party calling for reduction in federal spending to 18% of GDP as trade for passage

ESEA

- Senate Staff working on text
 - Some bipartisan meetings
 - Long history of discussions
- House first hearing on Thursday April 7th
 - Chair has 12 new members on committee
 - More hearings coming soon
 - Working on between three to five separate bills

Areas of agreement

- Flexibility & Innovation & local control
- Reducing the federal footprint
- Discussions of how to allow flexibility
 & accountability

Administration

- Blue print from March 2010
 - Goal of closing the achievement gap
 - Emphasis on competitive programs
 - Concentrating resources and prescriptiveness on bottom 5% - 10% -15% of schools
 - Eliminates 38 programs through consolidations

Other issues

- Coordination of early childhood and K-12
- Coordination of teacher training, teacher quality with the needs of high-poverty schools
- Increased attention to middle & high schools
- Role of technology/innovation
- Role of Common Core Standards

Things to watch

- Assessment programs being developed for Common Core Standards
- Issues being raised on Comparability
- GAO report on overlap being called duplication – 88 US ED programs

Where to go for more information

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